

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: BPAI Decision, issued 07/28/2010.
2. Claims 1-27 and 29-31 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Morgan Malino on 10/20/2010.

Please amend the claims as follows to cancel independent claim 28:

28. (Canceled).

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In the BPAI Decision issued 07/28/2010, the previous rejection of claims 1-12 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Weinberg was reversed.

The previous rejection of claims 13-28, 30, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weinberg and Sidles was reversed with respect to claims 13-27, 30, and 31 but affirmed with respect to claim 28.

Claim 28 has been canceled in the Examiner's Amendment, above. Pursuant to the BPAI Decision, it is believed that claims 1-27 and 29-31 should be allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AMELIA RUTLEDGE whose telephone number is (571)272-7508. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on 571-272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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